

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0013]-[0014] as follows:

[0013]        **Fig. 1** is a side elevational drawing, partly in section, of portions of a semi-automatic firearm, according to the prior art ~~present invention~~,

[0014]        **Fig. 2** is a top plan view of the firearm of **Fig. 1**, modified according to the present invention.

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025]        Referring now to **Fig. 1** of the drawing, the prior art ~~invention~~ is described as embodied in a semi-automatic firearm **10** of the type using a spring-loaded cartridge magazine (not shown) and having a reciprocating slide **12** adapted to move from a forward position in a rearward direction against a recoil spring (not shown) when a cartridge **14** is fired. During the rearward movement, the shell of cartridge **14** is ejected, and during the return forward movement, a new cartridge is stripped from the magazine by the extractor and inserted into the bore of a barrel **16** in a manner well known in the art. Slide **12** is reciprocable in tracks upon a frame **18**. A hammer **20** is pivotably mounted on frame **18** to strike a firing pin **22**, which is longitudinally slidable in the slide **12** so as to strike the rear of cartridge **14**. A trigger **24** is pivotably mounted in the frame and connected to push or pull a transfer bar **26**. Slide **12** includes a cam surface **28**, which cooperates with a finger **30** to raise or lower the end of transfer bar **26** and release the hammer, when the transfer bar is pushed or pulled longitudinally by the trigger **24**.